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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 025344

1. EGYPTIAN CHIEF DELEGATE TO REGULAR AND SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN GMAL BOROLOSSY, WHO LEFT THE GOVERNMENT IN RECENT RESHUFFLE OF PUBLIC SECTOR. WE MADE POINTS AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL ON FEBRUARY 7, THEREFORE, TO AMHAD NAMEK, OFFICE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S UNDERSECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, LEAVING AIDE MEMORIE WITH HIM. EMBOFF EMPHASIZED ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS POSED BY REPEATED ONE YEAR EXTENSIONS AND URGED THAT NEGOTIATION OF NEW AGREEMENT BE UNRELATED TO LENGTH OF NEXT TWA EXTENSION. EC PROBLEMS WITH FAC ALSO DISCUSSED BUT DID NOT SEEM TO POSE PROBLEM FOR GOE.

2. MFA OFFICIAL SAID EGYPTIAN POSITION NOT YET DEVELOPED.

HIS OPINION WAS THAT EGYPT WOULD SUPPORT PREVAILING FEELING OF IMPORTING COUNTRIES. EMBOFF URGED HIM TO REVIEW U.S. POSITION CAREFULLY, NOTING AGAIN THAT LENGTH OF EXTENSION NOT IMPORTANT TO NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW AGREEMENT
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AND THAT FURTHER IF INDEED EC COULD DECIDE ON 2-YEAR EXTENSION

EVEN WITH FAC PROBLEMS, EXTRA TIME WOULD BE BENEFICIAL
FOR ALL CONCERNED.

3. COMMENT: MFA INDICATED THAT TRADE MINISTER AT
EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN LONDON WILL LEAD EGYPTIAN DELEGATION
TO FEB. 18-20 DISCUSSION ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS HE WILL
PROBABLY EXERCISE HIS WON JUDGMENT. AS RESULT OF OUR
DEMARCHE, HOWEVER, MATTER WOULD BE PUT TO SENIOR LEVELS
OF MINISTRY. HE PROMISED TO INFORMED US OF DECISION AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.

4. WILL REPORT ANY REACTION. MEANWHILE SUGGEST THAT USDEL
IN LODNON EXERT FURTHER SUASION ON EGYPTIAN TRADE
MINISTER TO TAKE INDEPDENDENT DECISION IN CASE FOREIGN
MINISTRY DROPS BALL.
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